GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Buttermilk in Mid Day Meal
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a suggestion has been made to provide buttermilk to all school students under the Mid Day Meal scheme to cure Amoebiasis and improve iron deficiency in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has failed to take action on this suggestion; and
(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d): The idea of distributing butter milk to all schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme was examined in the Ministry, but was not found feasible as it was felt that provision of butter milk uniformly to all schools across the country presented several challenges in terms of logistics, food safety and the additional funds required. However, States are free to add additional items to the MDM menu from their own resources.
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